

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, priority has been amended. This amendment is fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added to the application.

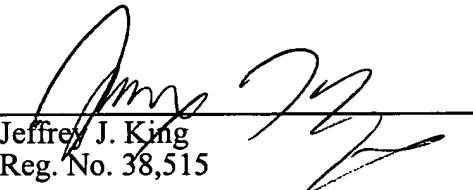
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, has been amended as follows:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/083,793, filed May 22, 1993, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/047,575, filed May 23, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/059,385, filed September 19, 1997. Each of the foregoing disclosures is incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/170,195, filed by Murphy et al. on December 10, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--